

**April 26, 2015**  
*Awesome Relationships*  
**An Awesome Family**  
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**Nehemiah 4:14**

**Awesome Families....**

**Have Fun Together**

Ecc 8:15

1 Tim 6:17

Psalm 1:27

**Encourage Growth**

Luke 2:51-52

(Yes) Through **example**

Jn 13:13-15

Through **conversation**

Deut 6:7

(No) Through **criticism**

Judges 16:16

Eph 6:4

Through **comparing**

Gal 6:4

**Protect Each Other**

Ecc 4:9-10

**Look for Ways to Serve.**

1 Cor 16:15 Josh 24:15

What sorts of FUN things do you do as a family on a regular basis?

Share one particularly fun family experience.

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What should we understand from these verses collectively? Looking at verse 4 specifically, what can you learn about having fun together?

Why is it important to make time to PLAY together? What are some of the benefits that come from fun/play?

What happens when a child is left to grow on their own? What issues might they have as they grow up and as adults? (Consider children from orphanages or children in the foster care system.)

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How do these verses speak to you about what may or may not already be doing?

Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

How do you encourage emotional, mental, social, and spiritual growth in your family? What expectations do you have of your children in these areas?

What are some practical things you (as parents) can do in your family (whether you have young or adult children) to promote growth in these areas?

How do we as adults continue to grow in some of these areas?

Read Proverbs 14:26. Why do we as families need to have "border protection"? What does that look like in your household?

Part of the security of a family involved accountability. Why is this an important aspect of securing your family borders?

Do you currently or have you ever participated in serving in some capacity as a family? Share your experience and how it impacted your family.

Is there a difference between serving within the church or out in the community? Why might each one have its own significance?

Read Philippians 2:1-4. Why does God expect us to serve Him in conjunction with serving others?

What is one thing you could do this week to make your family more awesome?